

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #488

AXTELL-BERN-SUMMERFIELD

July 17, 2001

Federal Communications Commission,
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Streets, SW Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

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To Whom It May Concern:

Reference: CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21

USD #488 Axtell-Bern-Summerfield is appealing your rejection of our e-rate appeal request for the following reasons:

- The notice of the first rejection of USD #488's application to the e-rate application was dated February 1, 2001. An appeal of this rejection was posted on February 8, 2001.
- The notice of the rejection of USD #488's appeal to the initial rejection of the district's application was received on June 26, 2001. The reason stated for this second rejection was that it was filed after the final appeal date.
- Please note that the due date for appealing a rejection stated in the documentation was January 18th, 2001 and that the rejection notice was dated February 1, 2001.

I have enclosed documentation pertaining to the issues stated above. This documentation is as follows:

1. Copy of the February 1, 2001 rejection letter from USAC
2. Copy of USD #488's appeal letter dated February 8, 2001
3. Copy of USAC rejection letter dated June 29, 2001

I am hopeful that you will reverse this decision.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


Dr. Bill Biggs
Superintendent

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Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Fund Year 4 FORM 471-REJECTION LETTER

February 1, 2001

BILL BIGGS
USD #488
204 5TH STREET
AXTELL, KS 66403-0250

Re: **Applicant's Form Identifier: 488**
Form 471 Application Number: 264316

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Dear Applicant:

This letter is your notification that the entire FCC Form 471, *Services Ordered and Certification Form*, you submitted did not meet Minimum Processing Standards and cannot be processed. *Your Form 471 is enclosed with this letter, which means that the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) could not process any portion of it.* Below is an explanation of the specific reason(s) your Form 471 did not meet the Minimum Processing Standards:

- The Form 471 submitted is not the correct OMB-approved FCC Form 471 dated October 2000 in the lower right-hand corner of the form..
- The Worksheet in Block 4 of the Form 471 submitted is blank or incomplete.
- The Category of Service, Block 5, Item 11 is blank on the Form 471 submitted.
- Block 5, Items 13 and 14, SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number) and Service Provider Name on the Form 471 submitted are both blank.

If you disagree with this decision and you wish to appeal to the SLD, your appeal must be made in writing and received by us within 30 days of issuance of this letter. In your letter of appeal, please include: correct contact information for the appellant, information on the decision you are appealing, the specific Funding Request in question, a copy of this letter and an original authorized signature. Appeals sent by fax, e-mail or phone call cannot be processed. Please mail your appeal to: Letter of Appeal, Schools and Libraries Division, Box 125-Correspondence Unit, 80 South Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07981. You may also call our Client Service Bureau at 888-203-8100. While we encourage you to resolve your appeal with the SLD first, you have the option of filing an appeal directly with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), by sending your notice of appeal to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street, SW; 12th Street Lobby, SW; Washington, D.C. 20554. Please reference CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21 on the first page of your appeal. If you choose to file an appeal with the FCC, your appeal must be received no later than 30 days from the date on this letter.

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Enclosure:

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UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #488

AXTELL-BERN-SUMMERFIELD

February 8, 2001

School and Libraries Division
Box 125 Correspondence Unit
80 South Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 70981

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APPEAL LETTER

To Whom It May Concern:

USD #488 Axtell-Bern-Summerfield is appealing your rejection of our e-rate application. I have addressed the concerns you made on the appeal letter, and I feel these concerns are not of a significant level to keep the school district from receiving additional funds.

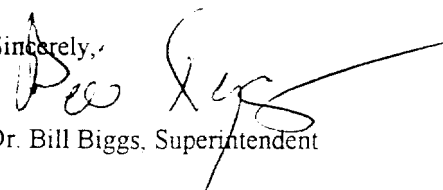
In short,:

- I have processed the appeal form on the October 2000 application; this answers the concern about applying for the e-rate on the September 1999 form.
- The Worksheet in Block 4 of Form 471 has been completed
- The Category of Service, Block 5, item 11 has been completed
- Block 5, Items 13 and 14, SPIN and Service Provider Name have been completed. This item was left blank because the application we submitted last year had no SPIN, and that application was approved.

I hope that these corrections will be considered in approving the application. The funds are used to help provide greater range of learning activities for the students of the school district

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


Dr. Bill Biggs, Superintendent



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal - Funding Year 2001-2002

June 26, 2001

Dr. Bill Biggs
Unified School District #488
204 5th Street
P.O. Box N
Axtell, KS 66403

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Re: Billed Entity Number: 221716
471 Application Number: 264316
Funding Request Number(s): Application Failing Minimum Processing Standards
Your Correspondence Data: February 8, 2001

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD") of the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has made its decision in regard to your appeal of SLD's Year Four Funding Commitment Decision for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of SLD's decision. The date of this letter begins the 30-day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). If your letter of appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that for each application for which an appeal is submitted, a separate letter is sent.

Funding Request Number: Application Failing Minimum Processing Standards
Decision on Appeal: **Denied in full**
Explanation:

- You feel that the errors on your original Form 471 were not significant to warrant the denial of the Form. You have corrected your Form 471, and would like the SLD to consider it for funding.
- Program rules require that all Funding Year Four Form 471s are submitted on an OMB Approved Form with the date of October 2000 in the lower right hand corner. The Form 471 you originally submitted did not contain this date, and was therefore not the correct Form to use. Accordingly, the application was returned to you for failing to meet the program's minimum processing standards. Your Form 471 also failed minimum processing standards because Block 4 of the Form 471 was

incomplete. The Form 471 you submitted on appeal is on the correct OMB Approved Form and Block 4 has been corrected, but unfortunately the SLD is unable to consider it for funding. The corrected Form 471 submitted with your appeal was not postmarked prior to January 18th, 2001, and is therefore outside the original Funding Window. Consequently, your application will not be considered for funding, and your appeal is denied in full.

If you believe there is a basis for further examination of your application, you may file an appeal with the Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Please reference CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21 on the first page of your appeal. Before preparing and submitting your appeal, please be sure to review the FCC rules concerning the filing of an appeal of an Administrator's Decision, which are posted on the website at <www.universalservice.org>. **You must file your appeal with the FCC no later than 30 days from the date on this letter for your appeal to be filed in a timely fashion.**

We thank you for your continued support, patience, and cooperation during the appeal process.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company